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Reception Home Learning

Dear Parents,

Our home learning journey is coming to an end! We want to express our final thanks to everyone who has supported home learning. This has been an unusual time for us all but the photos and videos of your children smiling and laughing have truly kept us, as staff, going. I imagine for some of you the reopening of school is bittersweet! We have seen so many families that have fully embraced home learning and have become teachers that we would all be proud to work with! The patience and understanding you have shown your children has been incredible and although it may feel as though they have not made progress, or have fought you at every step, we can assure you that they will never forget the days that daddy taught them phonics, mummy taught them to add or nanny helped them to make a dinosaur! I hope that for all of you there are moments that you will also treasure.

Next week our theme is 'we love books' in celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. The activity plan showing how each activity links to the Early Years curriculum and the suggested timetable is now also available on the school website and is shared to the Evidence Me platform.

This week we would everyone to embrace a love for reading. We are setting all children a 'read the rainbow' challenge that you will receive tomorrow morning to encourage the reading of a book a day. In school for this week of the year we add "book breaks" to our timetable. We would ask the children at some point of every day to stop and choose a book to look at with a friend for 10 minutes. This not only promotes a love for books and learning but also encourages communication about stories. We would like to encourage you all at home to add book breaks to your week.

As before, every day at 9.00 am, you will receive a good morning video from your child's classteacher on Evidence Me with an at-home version of our morning routine. This week's live morning routines are as follows:

Mrs Young & Mr Ferguson's class: Live morning message – **Friday 5th March.**

Miss Owen & Mrs Rock's class: Live morning message – **Tuesday 2nd March.**

Miss Lewis & Mrs Grimsley's class: Live morning message – **Monday 1st March.**

Every day at 9.30 am, the activities for the day will be shared. Any resources you may need will be visible in the box called 'Documents & Links'. There will be a phonics lesson every day alongside two other lessons.

At 2.45pm a story will be sent via parent share for you to watch by following a link in the 'Documents & Links' box. Our final live story time will be held this week on **Tuesday 2nd March at 2.45pm** rather than Thursday. This is because our live circle times this week will be held on **Thursday 4th March** as this is World Book Day. We are inviting all Reception children (both in school and at home) to dress up as their favourite book character. For the children at home, there is no pressure to dress up, however we do feel it would be lovely to share World Book Day as if we were in school. Thursday's circle times will include sharing costumes or choice of a favourite book character. So, if you do not want to dress up, we ask you to bring a picture of a story book character or a copy of your favourite book to show.

For children in Miss Lewis and Mrs Grimsley's class the week is slightly different due to staffing of the in school bubble. For you, the final live story time will be held this week on **Tuesday 2nd March at 2.45pm** rather than Thursday the same as the other classes however, your live circle times this week will be held on **Wednesday 3rd March**. Please still attend this live session in your costumes.

Children who are learning in school will complete the same or very similar activities as those who are learning from home. If your child is in school part time, then you will receive home learning on the other days. Children in school will be included in live zoom sessions with their teachers on Thursday in school to share their costume and character choices. I am also pleased to confirm that Mrs Ball is returning to work on Monday 1st March and will be joining live zoom sessions with Mrs Young and Mr Ferguson this week before the reopening of school on Monday 8th March.

As we said last week please be reassured that if your work commitments do not allow for your child to attend live zooms we do understand. We remind you that many of the Reception staff are in school with bubble responsibilities as well as conducting and monitoring home learning therefore responses to home learning may be slower than usual but your child's teachers will respond to a selection of your activities by the end of the week and will review all of the work that is sent.

If you have any specific concerns that you want to discuss with your child's own classteacher please contact the school office on 01543 278071 and they will arrange for a phone call to take place.

We look forward to seeing your home learning continue next week and we are counting the days to welcoming you back to school on Monday 8th March.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Young and the entire Reception team.

